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SUBJECT: MAYNES-SANU MEETING, JULY 15, 1977
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1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR EDWARD O. SANU PAID FAREWELL
CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
AFFAIRS C. WILLIAM MAYNES JULY 15. SANU IS RETURNING
TO LAGOS TO TAKE CHARGE OF MEA'S INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION DIVISION. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED
INTER ALIA, ZIONISM-RACISM AT LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID

CONFERENCE, UN RECONSTRUCTING AND NAMIBIA.

2. LAGOS CONFERENCE: FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF U.S. POLICY IN OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID MR. MAYNES EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION AND LAGOS APARTHEID CONFERENCE. SANU REPLIED THAT NIGERIA IS TRYING TO CONVINCE ARABS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO SUCH CONNECTION. HE MADE A DISTINCTION HOWEVER, BETWEEN ZIONISM-RACISM AND ISRAELI SUPPLY OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA, NOTING THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES CAN LEGITIMATELY CRITICIZE ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING ISRAEL, WHICH ENGAGES IN SUCH TRAFFIC. AMBASSADOR SANU SUGGESTED U.S. MAY WISH TO APPROACH EGYPT AND JORDAN ON QUESTION OF ZIONISM-RACISM AT LAGOS CONFERENCE, SUGGESTING TO THEM THAT THE RAISING OF

ZIONISM-RACISM COULD DAMAGE EFFORTS TO ADVANCE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS.

3. MAYNES RESPONDED BY NOTING DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT WHICH LINKAGE BETWEEN ZIONISM-RACISM AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTIONS CAN HAVE ON DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S AFRICA POLICY. AT SAME TIME ISOLATION OF ISRAEL BY OUTSIDE WORLD ENCOURAGES ISRAELI HARDLINERS.

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4. IN RETURN SANU POINTED OUT THAT NIGERIA WANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS AND OPINED THAT MANY BLACK AFRICAN STATES WOULD RENEW RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ONCE EGYPT IS ABLE TO REACH SOME AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, WITHOUT CONCERN FOR ATTITUDES OF OTHER ARAB STATES.

5. UN RESTRUCTURING: MR. MAYNES POINTED OUT NEED FOR MORE EFFICIENT UN ADMINISTRATION, REMARKING THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION, WHICH IS SUPPORTIVE OF THE UN, HAS ASKED FOR 30 INCREASE IN U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP AND THAT U.S. WANTS TO SEE UN SYSTEM USED TO MAXIMUM CAPACITY. SUMS CONTRIBUTED TO UN BUDGETS HAVE GROWN SO LARGE THAT THEIR INEFFICIENT USE BREEDS RESISTANCE IN CONGRESS AND ELSEWHERE TO FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS. IN FACE OF INACTION DAY MAY COME WHEN MAJOR DONORS, WHILE MAINTAINING PRESENT LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION, WILL REFUSE TO PAY NEW ASSESSMENTS.

6. SANU AGREED ON THE NECESSITY FOR REFORM, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS PERENNIAL UN PROBLEM FREQUENTLY ADDRESSED BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. PART OF PROBLEM

STEMS FROM CREATION BY RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEES WHICH THEN ESTABLISH THEIR OWN COMFORTABLE BUREAUCRACIES. BUT MUCH OF WHAT THESE BUREAUCRACIES DO IS STRONGLY BENEFICIAL TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EVEN THOUGH MANY BUREAUCRACIES CONCENTRATE ON PROJECTS OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH THEY WERE SET UP TO DO.

7. MAYNES REJOINED THAT DESPITE DIFFICULTY OF PROBLEM, SOME ADDITIONAL PROGRESS HAD TAKEN PLACE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WITNESS DECISION OF GROUP OF 77 LAST YEAR, FOR FIRST TIME, TO TAKE THE LEAD IN CUTTING POSITIONS IN WHO TO MAKE MORE ROOM FOR FIELD ACTIVITIES.

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8. NAMIBIA: AFTER DESCRIBING OUR SATISFACTION AT PROGRESS TO DATE TOWARD RESOLUTION, MAYNES NOTED SWAPO ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF TALKS IN NEW YORK

WITH CONTACT GROUP AND INDICATED OUR CONCERN THAT, SHOULD TALKS NOT TAKE PLACE SOON, SAG COULD USE PUTATIVE SWAPO DELAY AS COUNTERFEIT DEVICE TO UNDERMINE THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NIGERIA AND OTHER INTERESTED AFRICAN NATIONS WOULD ENCOURAGE SWAPO TO ATTEND.

9. MAYNES THEN ELABORATED ON NEED FOR UN TO DEFINE ITS ROLE IN NAMIBIA AND COMMENTED THAT APPROACHES BY AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES COULD HELP WALDHEIM TO OVERCOME HIS RELUCTANCE TO ENGAGE IN CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

10. SANU EXPRESSED NIGERIAN SATISFACTION THAT NAMIBIA IS NOW RECEIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION AND SUGGESTED THAT TALKS WITH SWAPO WOULD BE POSSIBLE AT AUGUST 22-26 LAGOS CONFERENCE.

11. IN REPLY MR. MAYNES RECOGNIZED THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH LAGOS WOULD PROVIDE BUT STATED WE FEEL EARLIER HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT WITH SWAPO TO BE NECESSARY.

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